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FOR EAGLEBURGER FROM AMBASSADOR JOVA

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ACOM, AINF  
SUBJ: TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFIC

REF: STATE 276948

1. YOUR TELEGRAM REQUESTING MY ASSISTANCE IN REDUCING THE EVER-GROWING VOLUME OF TELEGRAMS IS INDEED TIMELY. THE COMPEXITY AND PACE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, TAKEN TOGETHER WITH OUR ALWAYS IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY, OFTEN LEADS US TO RELY TOO HEAVILY ON TELEGRAMS, SOMETIMES TO THE VIRTUAL EXCLUSION OF OTHER FORMS OF INFORMATION EXCHANGE. THERE ARE UNDOUBTEDLY WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN REDUCE OUR FLOW OF CABLES, AND I SHALL TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO SEE THAT WE DO SO.

2. ONE REASON WE OFTEN OPT FOR A CABLE IS THE UNCERTAINTY AND SLOWNESS OF POUCHES. THE TRANSMISSION TIME BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND MEXICO IS GOOD -- BETWEEN 24 AND 36 HOURS -- BUT DISTRIBUTION IN THE DEPARTMENT IS UNEXPLAINABLY SLOW.

3. IN PAST WEEK WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL TELEPHONE CALLS ASKING WHERE URGENTLY NEEDED INFORMATION MIGHT BE. IN EVERY INSTANCE WE WERE ABLE TO GIVE ASSURANCES THAT LETTERS HAD LEFT MEXICO CITY AT LEAST 8 AND AS MUCH AS 14 DAYS EARLIER, AND YET THEY HAD NOT REACHED THE ACTION DESK WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. ONE LETTER DISPATCHED ON OCTOBER 20 WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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DELIVERED IN ARA ON NOVEMBER 5. ANOTHER MAILED ON

NOVEMBER 10 HAD NOT, AS OF TODAY, REACHED FBO. LETTERS TO AND FROM EUROPEAN POSTS, SENT BY POUCH, USUALLY TAKE 18 TO 25 DAYS.

4. PROBLEMS BY THE SCORE WERE ENCOUNTERED WITH BALLOTS IN THE RECENT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. DOZENS OF EMBASSY EMPLOYEES HAVE SIGNED A PETITION PROTESTING THEY HAVE BEEN DENIED OF VOTING PRIVILEGE BECAUSE OF MAIL DELAYS. BALLOTS ARE STILL ARRIVING. JUST TODAY A USIS EMPLOYEE RECEIVED HIS BALLOT, POSTMAKED OCT. 21 AND SENT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT.

5. IF THE MAIL DISTRIBUTION PROBLEM -- U.S. AND DEPARTMENT -- COULD BE RESOLVED, WE WOULD FIND IT QUITE FEASIBLE TO SHIFT A MEANINGFUL PART OF OUR DATA TRANSMISSION FROM CABLE TO POUCH CHANNELS. PERHAPS YOU COULD HAVE THE MATTER LOOKED INTO. MEANWHILE, WE WILL REDUCE OUR CABLE TRAFFIC AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.  
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